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## Rapid River News!

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From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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[Click here for LRBOI Job Postings](http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html)  
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[Click here for LRCR Employment](http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html)  
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LRCR Charity Golf Outing Set. The 10th annual Casino Charity Golf Outing has been scheduled for August 21st at Manistee National. For more information on the 10th Annual LRCR Charity Golf Outing, please contact Chad Eckhardt at (231) 398-3821, via email at [chade@lrcr.com](mailto:chade@lrcr.com) or Karl Waitner Jr. at [karlw2@lrcr.com](mailto:karlw2@lrcr.com)

## Reorganization of Executive Branch!

At an all-staff meeting on Friday the 14th, Ogema Romanelli and Speaker Parsons announced the beginning of the reorganization process of the government structure following the recommendations of the recently-released Osiyo, Inc. consulting report. The new alignment of departments and staff will bring about more efficient delivery of services to the tribal citizens; reduce duplication of service(s) and realize cost savings to the tribe. The Osiyo study was commissioned by the Ogema and Tribal Council.

- **New Government Center update.** At the staff meeting on Friday, Mark Dougher revealed preliminary plans for the new LRBOI Government Center. Dougher, is the Project Coordinator for the tribe and has a long history of service to the tribe. The Government Center will be built on Tribal Lands near the Little River Casino Resort and will combine tribal government services and offices in one complex, improving efficiencies and reducing overall costs to the tribe. See the next Currents for more details.

## Main Office Construction

The back (parking lot) door onto the 2nd floor of the bank is closed this week for construction.

Please continue to use the back parking lot and use the front (River Street) door for entrance

The maintenance department is doing some repairs to the back entrance.

## Tribal Directory:

The Enrollment Department has sent out letters to all Tribal Members 18 and above, letting them know that a Tribal Directory is being worked on. If you do not want your name in this Directory, please send a letter to the Enrollment Department, otherwise, your name will be included in the Directory. They hope to have them ready by the Fall meeting.



Tribal Historical Preservation provided a 'count' of the visitors to this year's Language and Cultural Camp at the Gathering Grounds. Here they are:

Total Adults 356 and Children 157 for a total of 513.

We had visitors from not only Michigan but Oklahoma, Virginia, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, Ohio, Kansas, Wisconsin and Canada.

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open as of September 20, 2009.

Commerce Commission	3 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission		3 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Enrollment Commission		4 openings as of 9/20
Health Commission		2 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

**Ogema Meet-N-Greet!** On Friday evening (September 11th), Ogema Larry Romanelli will hold his regular membership meet-n-greet at the Three Fires Conference Center beginning at 6 p.m.

**Fall Membership Meeting!** Be sure and mark your calendars for the next Membership Meeting on September 12th.

### *(Kateri Circle)*

"When you begin a great work you can't expect to finish it all at once; therefore, you and your brothers press on and let nothing discourage you until you have entirely finished what you have begun."

--Teedyuschung, DELAWARE

All things have their seasons. All thoughts are real. We must think to cause action and each action creates results. Big visions require many thoughts. It takes a series of thoughts to create a series of actions. A series of actions creates a series of results. These results are what makes vision become real. If we are here to serve the Creator then we can expect to be accomplishing big visions. How do we do this? One step at a time. Let me focus on what needs to be done today. Give me clear thoughts to accomplish the results that you, my Creator, would have me accomplish.



The LRBOI Elders met on August 1st and had these notes for everyone:

- \* Contact Information for: Manistee Insurance Agency Steve Fredericks, agent 1-800-968-6215 or 231-723-2566
- \* Don't forget: We still need quotes for the 2010 Elders monthly meeting meals Call June Sam at 231-398-6709.
- \* September Meeting will be held at the New Community Center on September 5th, Dontz Road Meal furnished by the Casino.
- \* Elders Conference scheduled for November 7th at the Little River Casino Resort. Contact June Sam at 398-6709 for reservations. No mileage will be paid but other expenses will be covered.

## Interior Designers or Landscape Designer opportunity

"Seeking professional qualifications of LRBOI members who are experienced in commercial interior design or landscape design. Please contact Frank Bednarek at 231.722.3407, or submit professional qualifications to Hooker DeJong Architects & Engineers. Information about our firm, including our mailing and email addresses, can be found at [www.hookerdejong.com](http://www.hookerdejong.com)." This notice is provided as a courtesy to our members and does not indicate any relationship or endorsement of the company.



### *Come and Join us for Our Monthly Peacemaking talking circle*



The topic of this month's  
Talking Circle is  
"Walking in Two Worlds"  
Traditions in our ev-  
eryday lives  
(This topic was from  
May 27, 2009, that meet-  
ing was canceled)



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Talking Circle meeting scheduled!  
Aanii piish (where) ..... Justice Center.  
Wenesh pii (when).....August 31th at 5:30pm



## *Board of Directors meetings*

August 21st, 2009 Board of Directors Open Session to be held in the Grand River Room in the Casino at 4:00 p.m.



NMU wants Tribal Youth for Health Care Jobs. Northern Michigan University has announced that they are creating the College Prep Medicine Wheel program to bring tribal youth to the camps this fall so that they can explore various careers in health care. Currently very few Native Americans are in the health care profession.

## **Tribal ID Cards**

The Enrollment Department will have their camera set up to take the New Tribal I.D.'s at the Fall Meeting. Make sure you bring your old I.D. to turn in.



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This information is subject to change without prior notice. Court Docket. The latest Tribal Court Docket is shown below. If you have questions concerning the Court activity, please contact them directly. If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

#### Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation  
DM - Divorce with children  
EB - Election Board Appeal  
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment  
GM - Guardianship of Minor  
JV - Juvenile  
NC - Name Change  
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support  
DO - Divorce w/o children  
EM - Emancipation of Minor  
GA - Gaming Appeal  
GR - Employment Matter  
LT - Landlord Tenant  
PF - Probate  
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket  
EA - Enrollment Appeal  
FJ - Foreign Judgment  
GC - General Civil  
JC - Judicial Complaint  
NA - Neglect Abuse  
PPO - Personal Protection Order  
WC - Workmen's Compensation

#### **Monday, August 17, 2009; Judge Bailey**

8:30 a.m. 08229GC - Brown v. Stone Show Cause  
9:00 a.m. 09141CO - Citation: Stone Informal Hearing  
10:00 a.m. 09098GC - Henderson v. Casino Motion  
01:00 p.m. 09133DM - Foust v. Foust Pretrial  
02:00 p.m. 09123DO - Pineda v. Pineda Final Divorce

#### **Saturday, August 22, 2009; Peacemakers**

10:00 a.m. Sam et al v. Kelsey, Ossiginac Peacemaking Session

#### **Monday, August 24, 2009; Judge Pope (as Trial Judge)**

10:00 a.m. 08315GC - Sam et al v. Crampton Trial

#### **Thursday, August 27, 2009; Judge Sherigan**

10:00 a.m. 09074GC - Willis v. Tribe Trial  
2:00 p.m. 09053NA - Closed Neglect Abuse

#### **Friday, August 28, 2009; Judge Sherigan**

9:30 a.m. 09085AM - Adoption Closed  
10:00 a.m. 07188NA - Neglect/Abuse Closed  
11:00 a.m. 08284NA - Neglect/Abuse Closed

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
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Or send them direct to [currentcomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentcomments@lrboi.com).

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.